



INDIANA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Indiana Professional Standards Board (IPSB)

From: Dick Therrien, Chair
Indiana Association of School Psychologists External Standing Committee

Date: September 19, 2001

Re: Selections, July 11th Meeting

Members Present: Dick Therrien, Terri Banks, Kathryn Snyder, Ron Branca, David McIntosh, Steve Davis, Graydon Estabrook, Tom Huberty, Russell Dawson

Absent: Judith Wortham, Jane Boultinghouse,

I. Selections from May 2nd meeting.

Error correction for the NASP Website is: www.nasponline.org

II. Old Business

- A. **Positions on the External Standing Committee.** Judith Wortham intends to resign her school psychology position from the ESC. The ESC also needs a teacher representative. Terri Banks will post these two openings on the IPSB website after September 1st 2001 (www.in.gov/psb), and Kathy will post these openings in the September 2001 IASP newsletter. As soon as a suitable replacement is found for Kathy, she will resign her position as administrative coordinator. Bonnie Huxford will not be available until October 1, 2001, to begin the training coordinator position. A DOE representative has not yet been named. Steve Davis is working with Bob Marra, Associate Director of Exceptional Children and Director of Special Education, to appoint someone from the DOE staff to serve on the ESC.
- B. **The renewal process for the independent practice endorsement.** On June 15th, Kathy Snyder sent renewal forms to 200 school psychologists with independent practice endorsements due for renewal on October 1, 2001. Late July or early August Kathy Snyder and Terri Banks will meet to address this renewal process and records storage.

Most renewal questions have focused on the criminal history check. Kathy has been in contact with the Indiana State Police regarding these requirements. Kathy will mail a postcard to all renewals to clarify the criminal history check issues. An article in the September IASP newsletter will also be printed to answer renewal questions.

- C. **Contract renewal and ESC budget update.** Terri and Dick met with John Baker in June to discuss renewal of the contract between IASP and the IPSB. The contract renewal date is July

1, 2001. Dick Therrien and Terri Banks reported that confusion exists regarding the duties and expenses of the IASP ESC. Expenses of all other external standing committees to the IPSB are absorbed by the professional organization, such as IASP, and are temporary task forces designed to perform an assigned singular task and then disband. Since its inception in 1997, however, the IASP ESC has performed the on-going duties associated with the enactment of Public Law 153 (1996). All ESC duties and expenses from 1997 to July 1, 2001, have been solely for the work of developing the rules and process for issuing endorsements of independent practice to school psychologists. By designating this group as an external standing committee, confusion has resulted and needs to be addressed. It is hoped that the new contract will help clarify the work of the group.

As of July 1, 2001, the IASP ESC assumed an expanded responsibility, as approved by the IPSB. These additional responsibilities are recorded in a letter dated March 3, 2001, from IASP to the IPSB Executive Committee and pertain to the licensing of all school psychologists in the state of Indiana.

- D. **Draft for Standards for Independent Practice Endorsement.** A draft of the School Psychologist Professional Standards was distributed to ESC members for discussion. These standards were written for the endorsement in independent practice but could also be applied for the licensing of all school psychologists, if the ESC so wishes to recommend. Members were requested to provide feedback to Kathy Snyder prior to August 13, 2001. Kathy will forward these recommendations to Dick Therrien to prepare a final draft for the next ESC meeting.

Steve Davis suggested formatting the new standards to look more like the NASP standards rather than the core standards for school services professionals. The ESC members agreed to use the NASP standards and include a cover sheet to show how the NASP standards meet the Indiana School Services Professional standards. Dick, David, Tom, and Kathy will meet the week of August 15th to develop this document. This group will also address the need to clarify the role, duties, and expenses of the External Standing Committee with regards to the contract discussions. Kathy Snyder will send a reminder memo to Dick, Dave, and Tom regarding this meeting.

Dave McIntosh expressed concern regarding the requirements for an internship year plus a one-year induction. ESC discussed the possibility of allowing the internship year to fulfill the induction year requirements for future licensing of all school psychologists. Questions arose about who reviews a school psychologist's portfolio at the end of the induction year. Internship is before the degree is conferred, and the induction year is after the degree is conferred. Decisions affected by this process will be contractual issues for school psychology interns during the induction year, such as pay scale and credit for a year of experience for the internship/induction year.

III. New Business

- A. IPSB is moving its office this week to 101 W. Ohio. Parking may be difficult for future ESC meetings. Terri will check on the conference room availability and parking for future ESC meetings.

IV. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2001 10:00 a.m. at IPSB.